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The Pipevine

Newsletter of the Mount Lassen Chapter
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

General Meeting

DECEMBER 6, 2017
Wednesday 7:00 pm
Butte County Library, Chico

WILDFIRE in California Landscapes

Presented by JIM BISHOP,
retired CalFire

Fire is a major influence on California's plant landscapes. The behavior of wildfires is determined by the "fire environment": terrain, fuels, and weather. It can vary from smoldering to raging, from benign to destructive. Understanding how wildfires behave is basic to understanding fire control, fire effects, the beneficial use of fire, and the nature of threats to property such as homes.

This overview will introduce you to how the fire environment affects fire behavior...the roles of humidity, solar heating, fuel type, seasonal drying, slope and wind. We'll consider typical fire rates-of-spread values, how fire will respond to changing conditions, and some common weather processes. We'll take a brief look at the role of fire behavior in such things as presumed "natural" fire levels and in fireline accidents.

Jim Bishop retired from a career in CalFire, much of which was spent in wildland fire control and training. He is trained as a Fire Behavior Analyst (FBAN) and has filled that position on major fires and prescribed burns, has taught in several national fire-behavior courses, served on the FBAN steering committee, and has developed materials used in those courses.

Field Trips

MYSTERY WALK
IN BUTTE CREEK CANYON

December 3
Sunday

Meet at Chico Park & Ride (Hwy 32 & 99) east lot at 9:30 am for an easy walk of about 3 miles. See what blooms in December! Bring lunch, water and good hiking shoes. Rain cancels. Leader: Marjorie McNairn 530-343-2397 or MLMcNairn@aol.com.

SOUTH RIM TRAIL
UPPER BIDWELL PARK

December 9
Saturday

We'll walk from the parking lot of Peregrine Point Disk Golf Course to the south rim of Bidwell Park along a short loop trail with the expansive views of Upper Park. Information will be presented and discussed on opening of Upper Bidwell Park Rd to motor vehicles and mitigation of adverse effects of disk golf on native landscape by the City of Chico. Meet at 10 am, Chico Park & Ride (Hwy 32 & 99) west lot or at 10:20 am at Disk Golf Course Parking Lot on north side of Hwy 32, 4.5 miles east of Bruce Rd. Leader: Woody Elliott 530 588-2555, woodyelliott@gmail.com

FERN CLIFF IN
MIDDLE BIDWELL PARK

January 7
Sunday

Meet at 10 am at the middle Bidwell Park trailhead where Centennial Ave and Chico Canyon Rd join at their east ends. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, and wear cool weather gear. We'll walk for about a mile along the south side of Big Chico Creek. We'll be looking at ferns and allies alongside the cliffs. End at noon. Rain cancels. Leader: Marjorie McNairn 530 343- 2397, MLMcNairn@aol.com.

WINTER BREAK

THE NEXT

Executive Board Meeting will be on January 17, 2018

General Meeting will be on February 7, 2018

and the Pipevine will be the February issue

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

NEW 2018 CHAPTER
EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTED

by JIM BISHOP, Nominating Committee Chair

At our November 1, 2017 General Meeting the members present elected, by unanimous motion, the Mount Lassen Chapter Executive Board for 2018.

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	MERYL BOND
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	TOM RESK
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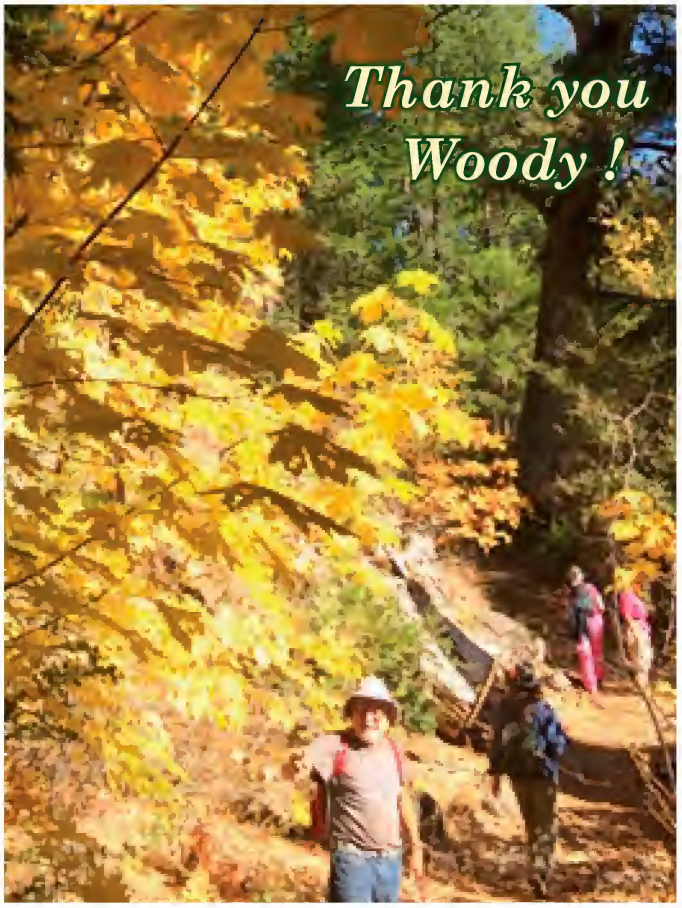
Nominations Committee: Jim Bishop, Ann Elliott, and Justine Devoe

HOSPITALITY

by KARROLYNN YELLS, Hospitality Chair

THANK YOU so much for your support this year. Many thanks to the dedicated bakers who provided snacks for the Mount Lassen Chapter of CNPS General Meetings: Suzanne Garrett, Meryl Bond, and Anne Ferrill for December General Meeting. In 2018 refreshments will be needed for the General Meetings between March through May 2018. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



President's Message

by WOODY ELLIOTT, President

As I finish two years as President of Mount Lassen Chapter, I am reminded of all the wonderful things we did together.

- the biennial Wildflower Show & Plant Sale
- Water-Wise & Habitat-Friendly Garden Tours
- tending our CCNC native plant garden
- sharing our native plant conservation mission at numerous local events
- Field Trips to northern California wildlands
- commenting on Conservation issues in our area
- informative presentations at General Meetings complete with scrumptious refreshments,
- and all of it faithfully documented in The Pipevine, https://mountlassen.cnps.org/, Facebook and Meetup.com

The energetic involvement of our members and their monetary support continue to make these events possible. Our latest annual funding effort, **Support Our Chapter**, collected over $3000. I look forward to Paul Moore, President Elect, guiding our hearty group next year. Thanks to all of you for making Mount Lassen Chapter, CNPS so vital and inspiring. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Legislative Notes

by DAVID ANDERSON

FEDERAL LEGISLATION THREATENS

There are many bad public land bills pending before Congress. Fortunately Congress has been so preoccupied with health care and tax bills that the bad bills have remained in Committee to this date (11-10). It is doubtful that Congress will get to them until after the first of the year.

After the first of the year environmentalists will have their hands full opposing them There are far too many bills to be summarized in this article, but if you want to see them Google: H.R. 232, H.R. 622, S 132, S 335, H.R. 3117, S. 33, H.R. 2950, H.R. 2661, H.R. 2907,H.R. 2907, H.R. 2936, H.R. 2074, H.R. 2167, H.R. 2284, H.R. 2613, H.R.1106, H.R.1349, and H.R.1489.

FALL OUTREACH EVENTS

by JANNA LATHROP, Events Chair

We participated in two back-to-back weekend outreach events. The first was held at the Home and Garden Show on Oct 28 - 29 at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds. Our chapter was represented by members Karen Smith, Cindy Weiner, Ann Elliott, Woody Elliot, Michele O'Neill and Janna Lathrop at our display table featuring "Garden with Natives" in the Flower Building.

The following Saturday we were at the Farm City Celebration Harvest Festival in front of the Bidwell Mansion. This was a rain or shine event. This year we were under rainy skies and the turnout was somewhat smaller. We had a combined outreach table and native plant sale with Native Springs Nursery and Floral Native Nursery each contributing a percentage of their day's sales to our chapter.

Again, with the help of chapter volunteers we were well represented. A very special and heartfelt thank you to our members who braved the elements and helped staff; Paula Shapiro (invaluable help with the setup and coordination of the plant sale), Jim Bishop, Catie Bishop, Dody Domish, KarroLynn Yells, Meryl Bond and Woody Elliott who retrieved the all-important canopies from storage. Thanks again to Nancy Schleiger, Native Springs Nursery and Germain Boivin, Floral Native Nursery for the excellent selection of native plants and making our day a success.

FALL HIKE ALONG DEER CREEK

by ANN ELLIOTT

Early fall colors along Highway 32 and Deer Creek delighted about a dozen CNPS hikers on the last Saturday in October. We descended gradually following the creek and enjoying leaves in fall color: red dogwood, yellow big leaf maple, and golden black oak. On dry slopes we found gold back, bird's foot, and lace ferns. The only bloom at this time of year was slender-stemmed lessingia, a pinky-purple composite.

When we reached Lower Deer Creek Falls, we spoke to and watched the construction contractor for the new fish ladder. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service finally found funding to replace the 1940's era fish ladder to enhance access to spawning areas for endangered spring-run Chinook salmon. The contractor was pouring the last few walls connecting the zig-zagging metal-caged fish ladder to the hole in the rock face were the old fish ladder had been. Construction started in 2016, but the ladder had to be redesigned when the cliffside that it was to be built on slid into the creek.

Most of our crew were back in Chico mid-afternoon. One car took the back road to Colby Mountain Lookout to extend the adventure and returned home through Jonesville. This perfect fall day hike, even with few flowers, is the reason I love to take advantage of Mount Lassen Chapter outings.

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December 9, 2017

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Bring native plant beauty and cheer into your holiday season! Learn about native plants and preserve them in a naturally fragrant plant wreath. Led by JENNIFER JEWELL, host of "Cultivating Place" on NPR and ADRIENNE EDWARDS, Adjunct Faculty at Chico State; botanist, ecologist and arborist. You will create a fragrant and beautiful wreath appropriate for the holidays. Please register in advance.

For more information about upcoming workshops please contact: www.friendsofthechicostateherbarium.com/eventsviewcalendar/

For more information about registration please contact the Biology office at (530)898-5356 or ssholten@csuchico.edu

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Family / Library	$75
Plant Lover	$100
Patron	$300
Benefactor	$600

Calendar 2017-18

December
3 - Butte Creek Walk
6 - General Meeting
9 - South Rim Bidwell Park
NO Ex Board Meeting

January
7 - Ferns Bidwell Park
17 - Ex Board Meeting
27 - 29 - Snow Goose Festival

February
1 - 3 - CNPS Conservation Con
7 - General Meeting
21 - Ex Board Meeting